

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 836

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Janice L. Sorsby of Collierville
on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Janice L. Sorsby is one such estimable citizen who will retire this year as Principal at Balmoral Elementary School, after 29 years of remarkable service as an educator and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Janice earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education Degrees from the University of Memphis and subsequently completed 45 hours of study in that institution's Education Administration and Supervision curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sorsby began her estimable career in education in 1971 as a teacher at Mallory Heights Elementary School, and in, 1975, she became a Chapter I Reading Teacher at South Park Elementary School, where she was renowned for her dedication to excellence; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Janice was named Assistant Principal at Gardenview Elementary School, and served astutely in that capacity for seven years (from 1988-1991), she served with probity as Administrator of the Elementary Summer School Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Ms. Sorsby began her illustrious tenure as principal at Balmoral Elementary, where she quickly established herself as a model administrator: she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate her students to reach their full potential, winning the respect and admiration of her faculty and fellow administrators alike; and

WHEREAS, during her 29 years in education, Janice Sorsby has generously contributed her time and extraordinary talents as a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the Memphis Public School Principals Association, the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Tennessee Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the Tennessee Association for School Supervision and Administration, the West Tennessee Reading Association and Delta Kappa Gamma, which she served as State President; and

WHEREAS, she has been honored and recognized for her meritorious service as a Cluster Leader for fourteen schools in the Memphis City School System, as a member of the Memphis City School System's Site-Based Management Task Force and the South Elementary District Principals' Cabinet, as a Career Ladder III Administrator, as an evaluator for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, as an assessor for the Professional Assessment, Development and Enhancement Center, and as a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Leadership Development and International Constitution Committees; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Janice Sorsby has exemplified the spirit and allegiance to education that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Janice evinces her devout religious faith as a member of the Collierville United Methodist Church, where she serves as a member of the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, rarely are we blessed with the presence of a person of Ms. Sorsby's quality, and it is important that she be appropriately honored for her lifelong commitment to education in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Ms. Janice L. Sorsby our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Ms. Sorsby with this final clause omitted from such copy.